

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

[0047] A maintenance method for an inkjet printer, includes the steps of a) wiping a nozzle surface of a print head with a wiper, b) calculating a number (X1) of ink firings and comparing the calculated number (X1) with a first reference value (Y1); c) if $X1 \geq Y1$ in step b), blocking the print head; and d) cleaning the rear surface of the print head, with the print head being blocked. While the rear surface of the print head is cleaned, the nozzle portion of the print head is prevented from being contaminated by the ink remaining after the cleaning.